

WASHINGTON – U.S. Rep. Mark Kirk (R-Ill.) and U.S. Rep. Shelley Berkley (D-Nev.), along with more than 50 leading House Republicans and Democrats, today sent a bipartisan letter to former President Jimmy Carter calling on him not to meet with Hamas leader Khaled Meshal. Hamas terrorists are responsible for the murders of at least 26 American citizens. The text with signatories appears below, or click [here](#) to download a copy of the original letter:

April 15, 2008

President Carter  
The Carter Center  
One Copenhill  
453 Freedom Parkway  
Atlanta, GA 30307

Dear President Carter:

On April 8, 2008, Al-Hayat reported that you were planning to visit Syria to meet with Hamas leader Khaled Meshal.

The U.S. State Department lists Hamas as a foreign terrorist organization. Hamas terrorists are responsible for the murders of at least 26 American citizens—some of them teenagers, children and infants:

David Applebaum of Ohio; Nava Applebaum, 20, of Ohio; Alan Beer of Ohio; Marla Bennet of California; Benjamin Blutstein of Pennsylvania; David Boim, 17, of New York; Yael Botwin, 14, of California; Dina Carter of North Carolina; Janis Ruth Coulter of Massachusetts; Sara Duker of New Jersey; Matthew Eisenfeld of Connecticut; Tzvi Goldstein of New York; Judith Greenbaum of New Jersey; David Gritz of Massachusetts; Dina Horowitz of Florida; Rabbi Eli Horowitz of Illinois; Tehilla Nathanson, 3, of New York; Malka Roth, 15, of New York; Mordechai Reinitz of New York; Yitzhak Reinitz, 9, of New York; Leah Stern of New Jersey; Goldie Taubenfeld of New York; Shmuel Taubenfeld, 3 months, of New York; Nachshon Wachsman, 19, of New York; Ira Weinstein of New York; and Yitzhak Weinstock, 19, of California.

President Carter, do not meet with the man who ordered their deaths.

Sincerely,

Mark Steven Kirk  
Shelley Berkley  
John Boehner  
Roy Blunt  
Ileana Ros-Lehtinen  
Eric Cantor  
Tom Reynolds  
Robert Wexler  
Jim Saxton  
Eliot Engel  
Brad Sherman  
Mike Pence  
Dan Burton  
Barney Frank  
Mark Souder  
David Dreier  
Carolyn Maloney  
Peter King  
Jerrold Nadler  
Sam Johnson  
Thaddeus McCotter  
Michael McNulty  
Gresham Barrett  
John Campbell  
Steven Rothman  
Ron Klein  
Candice Miller  
Peter Roskam  
Anthony Weiner  
Joe Wilson  
Howard Coble  
Vern Buchanan  
Debbie Wasserman Schultz  
Joe Knollenberg  
Jon Porter  
J. Randy Kuhl

Ted Poe  
Scott Garrett  
Trent Franks  
Jeb Hensarling  
Robin Hayes  
Denny Rehberg  
Marsha Blackburn  
Rodney Frelinghuysen  
Chris Shays  
Frank LoBiondo  
Todd Platts  
John McHugh  
Doug Lamborn  
Donald Manzullo  
Vito Fossella  
Allyson Schwartz  
John Carter  
Jim Gerlach  
John Doolittle